



CENTRAL OREGON YFC

GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

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Top Photo: Getting goofy on the 4th of July with a beans & leggings relay.

Bottom Photo: YFC Night in Redmond. Learning about why the stories of those around us matter, as part of our 3 Story teaching series.



Change is inevitable. In Ecclesiastes, King Solomon wrote, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Solomon understood that all we do changes, comes & goes, as often as the seasons. However, change isn’t bad, just different. For He who holds the seasons never changes, and each season He brings more good. Central Oregon YFC is no exception.

It is with mixed emotions I announce we will no longer have a Redmond Site Director. The decision comes after much prayer, discussion, and evaluation of our resources, where it was determined the best thing would be to step back from Redmond at this time. It would be difficult to have a single person run all our sites. This is where the change in seasons is hard, because it hurts to lose a position where someone could be investing in youth. So, what does this mean exactly? This means YFC will no longer have an active ministry in Redmond, including the First Wednesday event. However, as we learned from Solomon, change is not bad, just different.

Although we have decided to step back from Redmond, we are not discouraged. I have great confidence that our God has a plan for us, and will guide us to it. God willing, we will return to Redmond, but perhaps He is preparing an inroad to a different location. For now, though, I am continuing to establish relationships with pastors and churches in Redmond.

Still, God continues to bring good in this season of change, as we recently learned all schools in Jefferson County will have late starts on Mondays. School will not begin until 10 a.m. This presents a burden to families who don’t have a place to take their teens during that time. Thus, I am excited to announce we will be adding an extra time slot to our drop-in center near Madras High School. We are opening our doors from 8-10 every Monday, starting September 11th, so youth have a safe place to go, engage, and be invested in. Though hard for parents, I believe God has given us a chance to be a blessing to our community.

Whew! What a busy Summer, but the good keeps on coming. Over the last four weeks, we had weekly meetings in Redmond (pictured left), where I got to hang out with ten different students and teach them about why

their stories matter. Some of these kids had never even been told their stories matter! It hurts to hear that, but I feel blessed to have been given the chance to be there and share the truth with them.

Last month we hosted the 1st Wednesday event, where we were attended by another church and a dozen of their students. We had nearly 20 youth present to hear the testimonies of two of our leaders. This was our intro to the concept of ‘My Story’ and why it matters.

In Madras, we hosted our 4th of July bash at the Free Methodist Church (pictured left). We had over 15 attendees throughout the evening, including some of our seniors who recently graduated. It was awesome meeting them and getting to know who they are. We engaged in crazy shenanigans, such as, relay races, eating contests, nylon & bean headband wrestling, a monster water balloon fight, breaking up frozen t-shirts, and some fireworks. We concluded the evening with the city fireworks show (pretty cool, by the way).

I am very excited for the rest of this Summer and the coming school year. Although a lot has changed, I remain encouraged and excited about the opportunities God has given us. Each week, I have spent time with some of our youth, getting to know who they are, understanding what is going on in their lives, and learning how to empower them. Through my interactions with our teens, I am constantly reminded of why we are here, and just how important our mission is.

Also, check out our social media section on the next page. You’ll find a lot of new things on there. Such as, our website has been updated and is looking as fresh as ever!

Supporters, thank you for praying, donating, writing, volunteering, and overall partnering with YFC to enable us to love and disciple youth. You have been a massive encouragement to me, and I am grateful to you all. I pray our ministry is a blessing to you as well.

Grace and Peace,

Zach Lewis

Executive Director of Central Oregon Youth For Christ



Drop-In

Starting September 7th, on Monday from 8-10 a.m. and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 3:45-5:15 p.m., join us at the Madras Drop-In Center located at 18 SE D Street in Madras. Come try out our mini Rock Wall, shoot some pool, play air-hockey, play video games, and do homework. It is a great time to hang out and relax after the school day.



CLUB:Life

Starting September 10th, every Monday night from 3:45-6, join us at the Free Methodist Church. There will be food, group games, and a discussion about God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story today. The church is located at 976 S. Adams Drive in Madras.



CAMPUS LIFE

Starting September 12th, every Wednesday night from 3:30-4:30, join us in the Multi-Purpose Room at Culver High School. There will be snacks, some wild & crazy games, and a discussion God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story today. The school is located at 710 5th Street in Culver.

Upcoming Events!

- August 2nd: First Wednesday! This will be our last First Wednesday event.
- August 5th: Madras Our Community Event! YFC will be serving snow cones in the park!
- Back to School Bash! Happening in the end of August. Date to be determined.

We want to always keep you updated about all that is going on with YFC, in the most efficient way possible, so we have updated all our social media platforms. Check it out below!

If you would like to start receiving your newsletter via email, visit our site and get started:

http://www.centraloregonyfc.org/contact_us/newsletter/

Connect with us on social media to see all that is going on during the Summer!

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Central Oregon Youth for Christ is 100% dependent on donor support. Everything we do is because of people's partnership with this ministry. If you are currently supporting us I want to take this opportunity and say thank you. Because of your generosity, you are able to impact lives of young people. Our vision is to be a vibrant light in our youth culture today. Please pray with us as we pursue making this dream a reality.